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AF/I PASS SUBSTANCE TO AALC, NEW YORK

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, NI, US

SUBJECT: CURRENT STATUS AALC PROGRAM IN NIGERIA

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1. STATUS TRADE UNION INSTITUTE AND AALC CONNECTION CONTINUES MUCH AS IT WAS WHEN FUNK HERE DECEMBER. POLICE REMAIN AT TUI. LABOR MINISTRY STILL HAS NOT REPLIED TO ODEYEMI'S 29 DECEMBER LETTER (WHICH REQUESTED NEGOTIATIONS BE STARTED SOON ON GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER TUI, POLICE BE REOMVED AND TUI STAFF BE PAID BY MINISTRY FROM DECEMBER ONWARD. LETTER ENCLOSED COPY OF NOTICE FROM LANDLORD COKER CALLING FOR TUI GIVE UP PROPERTY FROM JANUARY 1).

2. ODEYEMI APPEARS BE LYING LOW, ABSENTING HIMSELF FROM LAGOS MOST RECENTLY AT OATUU MEETING IN ACCRA. MOST OTHER MAJOR LABOR LEADERS GENERALLY ASSUMING LOW PROFILE TOO (EXCEPT FOR NTUC TYPES, WHO INGRATIATINGLY EXTOLLING FMG ANGOLA POLICY AND LAMBASTING U.S.), PRESUMABLY PREPARING FOR GOVERNMENT PROBE OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS WHICH NOW UNDERWAY. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY HAS BEEN APPOINTED AND QUESTINNAIRES HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT TO MAJOR UNIONS AND PRE-NLC CONFEDERATIONS. GOVERNMENT OTHERWISE ALSO SEEMS QUIETLY INACTIVE. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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3. FOR LONGER RANGE COGITATION, LABOR PERMSEC KOKU, IN GENERAL
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GET-ACQUAINTED MEETING WITH POLOFF DECEMBER 24, VOLUNTERRED THAT

FMG POLICY NOT AIMED AT TOTALLY ISOLATING NIGERIAN LABOR
MOVEMENT FROM OUTSIDE INFLUENCES AND THAT AFFILIATIONS WITH SOME
FOREIGN BODIES OTHER THAN OATUU AND ILO WILL EVENTUALLY BE
ALLOWED. KOKU DID NOT SAY WHO OR WHEN, HOWEVER, WE WOULD GUESS
IT LIKELY BE LATER RATHER THAN SOONER CONSIDERING PRESENT
GENERALLY PREVAILING ATMOSPHERE OF SUSPICION TOWARD SINISTERLY-
SEEN FOREIGN INFLUENCES. END CONFIDENTIAL.

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4. PLEASE TELL FUNK, WE, ON BALANCE, THINK THERE LITTLE TO
BE ACCOMPLISHED AB AALC REPRESENTATIVE VISIT HERE AT LEAST
UNTIL GOVERNMENT HAS REPLIED TO ODEYEMI LETTER OR OTHERWISE
INDICATED IT PREPARED PROCEED MORE DECISIVELY ON TUI TAKEOVER.
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